



BACB BCBA Mock Exam

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Question 1

Question Type: MultipleChoice

Which does NOT increase the effectiveness of punishment?

Options:

- A- availability of alternative responses
- B- inability to avoid the punisher
- C- intermittent delivery of the punisher
- D- reinforcement frequency for alternative behavior

Answer:

C

Question 2

Question Type: MultipleChoice

When using an alternating treatments design it is important to randomly:

Options:

- A- assign participants to treatment conditions.
- B- select participants from the population of interest.
- C- order treatment conditions presented during each phase.
- D- change each criterion level.

Answer:

C

Question 3

Question Type: MultipleChoice

In order to evoke a mand for "cookie," the behavior analyst should.

Options:

- A- give the child a cookie.
- B- deprive the child of cookies.
- C- show the child a picture of a cookie.
- D- say 'cookie' and praise repeating the word.

Answer:

B

Question 4

Question Type: MultipleChoice

Jamie frequently falls to the floor and screams at school. Preliminary behavioral assessment data indicate that his tantrums are maintained by attention and escape from demand situations. Jamie's behavior analyst wants to examine precisely how attention and escape conditions affect these behaviors. The behavior analyst does not want to conduct the analysis in Jamie's classroom because she would not be able to control for potentially important factors. Relating to this scenario, which statement is TRUE?

Options:

- A- Analyses that involve experimental conditions are almost always conducted in the person's natural environment.
- B- The behavior analyst could conduct the analysis in a vacant classroom, but the generality of the findings is an issue to be considered.
- C- The behavior analyst should conduct detailed interviews with the teacher and school staff to determine functional relations.
- D- Only if the analysis is conducted in Jamie's classroom can a reasonable hypothesis be generated.

Answer:

B

Question 5

Question Type: MultipleChoice

An extinction procedure involves:

Options:

- A- withholding all reinforcement.
- B- withholding the maintaining reinforcer after the occurrence of the target behavior.
- C- removing all attention from the client when the target behavior occurs.
- D- removing the SD for the target behavior.

Answer:

B

Question 6

Question Type: MultipleChoice

One of the MOST important reasons for writing a precise definition of behavior is that a precise definition:

Options:

- A- produces greater interobserver agreement and requires less training time for observers.
- B- allows for easier and more reliable quantification of temporal locus and temporal extent.
- C- increases the likelihood that the behavior of interest will be reliably detected by observers or measurement equipment.
- D- makes calibration checks of observers or measurement equipment less necessary.

Answer:

C

Question 7

Question Type: MultipleChoice

Susan recorded data on a student's fidgeting behavior in the following way: She divided a 10-minute recording period into 10-second intervals and recorded in each interval a "+" if the target behavior occurred at least once. The percentage of intervals of target behavior occurrence was about 45%. The data resulting are most likely to be an

Options:

- A- accurate measure of inter-response times.
- B- inaccurate measure of inter-response times.
- C- overestimate of the occurrence of the behavior.
- D- underestimate of the occurrence of the behavior.

Answer:

C

Question 8

Question Type: MultipleChoice

A married couple wants a behavior analyst to assist them in creating a happier home life for their family. The behavior analyst should.

Options:

- A- provide counseling to the couple related to the problems that they identify as most important.
- B- refer the family to another professional, since this type of issue is not amenable to applied behavior analysis.
- C- set up contracts between the parents and children that require the parents to reinforce appropriate behavior using things that the children identify as important to them.
- D- explain how behavior analysis could be used to assist the family so that they can make an informed decision about proceeding.

Answer:

D

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